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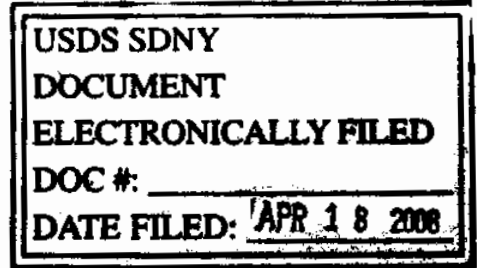
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The Honorable Paul A. Crotty  
United States District Judge  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, Room 735  
New York, NY 10007



Re: State of New York, et al. v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,  
07-CV-8621 (PAC)

Dear Judge Crotty:

On behalf of the States of California, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Mexico, I am seeking leave from the Court to file a joint amicus curiae brief in the above-captioned matter. Previously, each individual state had been granted leave to file its own amicus brief, with each state awarded a specific page length. The four amici states are now seeking leave to file jointly. We anticipate that the consolidated brief will be fewer than 30 pages.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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*The brief may be filed, provided it is no more than 30 pages.*  
SO ORDERED: APR 18 2008  
*Paul A. Crotty*  
HON. PAULA CROTTY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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